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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to you as a land owner affected by the Gold King mine spill and cleanup effort. My

business partner, Ben Cross and my self, John Schiffel own the Bastille claim (M.S. #15680) and operate it under the name Minnehaha Cabin L.L.C. (see attachments).

I first want to say that I completely support the clean up effort and am very happy to see all of the resources and people working so hard to clean up the damage done by the spill.

I just returned from a two night stay at the property and the normal peace and quiet that I come to enjoy at my high mountain property has been replaced with the sound of jack hammers and heavy equipment running all day. Then as the sun goes down there is a few minuets where it returns to normal before the lights turn on illuminating the valley in an unnatural glow and work continues all night.

Our property is being directly affected by the cleanup effort. As you can see from the images attached, the bottom corner of our property crosses the north fork of cement creek adjacent to the gold king property. Not only is our property being used by people and equipment as access to the portal area of the mine, but there is dirt work going on that is changing our property as well. Heavy equipment has been digging into our property to widen the road, and most concerning, a retention pond has been built that is settling out heavy metals on our property.

We still have not been contacted by anyone to request permission for any of this. It only seems right that as property owners we should receive some sort of compensation for the use of our land, in addition to the negative effects to it from the spill, as well as future problems associated with the spill and clean up effort. I would also like to receive something in writing that states what kind of clean up will be done to our property once all the work is done.

If you, the person reading this, is not in a position to discuss compensation I would appreciate a name, email address, and number of someone who can.

Thank you,

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